

**To:** Alex Ruppenthal[aruppenthal@wttw.com]  
**From:** Singer, Joshua  
**Sent:** Wed 8/2/2017 7:52:59 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Manganese dust photos near S.H. Bell Chicago

Thanks, Alex. We will try but may not be able to meet your deadline. Thanks again.

Josh Singer

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**From:** Alex Ruppenthal [mailto:aruppenthal@wttw.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 02, 2017 1:58 PM  
**To:** Singer, Joshua <Singer.Joshua@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Manganese dust photos near S.H. Bell Chicago

Hi Josh,

My deadline is 4 p.m. this afternoon.

Thanks for your help.

Best,

Alex

**From:** Singer, Joshua [mailto:Singer.Joshua@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 02, 2017 1:51 PM

**To:** Alex Ruppenthal  
**Subject:** RE: Manganese dust photos near S.H. Bell Chicago

Alex,

Thanks for the email. What is your deadline?

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**From:** Alex Ruppenthal [<mailto:aruppenthal@wttw.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 02, 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Singer, Joshua <[Singer.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Singer.Joshua@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Manganese dust photos near S.H. Bell Chicago

Hi Josh,

I hope this note finds you well.

I'm working on a story for our website about the rust-colored stain found on some properties near S.H. Bell's Chicago site, which as I understand is evidence of manganese dust.

Meleah Geertsma from NRDC's Midwest office said the EPA has photos documenting this type of stain from properties near S.H. Bell. Would you be able to send those photos to me?

Also, Meleah said she spoke with someone from EPA this week to confirm that the EPA considers the rust-colored (or reddish-brown) stains as evidence of manganese dust. Can you confirm that this is true?

Please feel free to call me at 773-509-5623 to discuss further if it's easier to chat over the phone.

Thank you as always for your help.

Best,

Alex

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